

NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE		CHAPTER <u>Health Services</u> STATEMENT NUMBER <u>6.25</u>
SUBJECT: <b>MEDICAL SERVICES FOR WEEKEND/MULTIPLE OFFENDER PROGRAM INMATES</b>  PROPONENT: <u>Robert MacLeod, Administrative Dir.</u> <i>Name/Title</i> <u>Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707</u> <i>Office Phone #</i>		EFFECTIVE DATE <u>02/15/06</u>  REVIEW DATE <u>07/15/07</u>  SUPERSEDES PPD# <u>6.25</u>  DATED <u>09/01/01</u>
ISSUING OFFICER:   <u>William Wrenn, Commissioner</u>		DIRECTOR'S INITIALS _____ DATE _____  APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES _____ NO _____
REFERENCE NO: NONE		

- I. PURPOSE:  
To define and provide guidance governing the health services provided to inmates serving intermittent sentences by the Department of Corrections.
- II. APPLICABILITY:  
To all staff employees involved in the health treatment or custody of weekend/Multiple Offender Program (MOP) inmates.
- III. POLICY:  
It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to provide procedures for the provision of health services.
- A. The Department of Corrections will provide the following services to individuals serving intermittent or MOP sentences:
    1. Medical intake screening by an intake-processing officer
    2. Emergency medical and dental care
    3. Emergency mental health services
    4. Acute medical intervention
    5. Community prescription medication continuity
    6. Continuity of care as appropriate upon release
  - B. The Department of Corrections will not routinely provide the following services:
    1. Eyeglasses or eye refraction
    2. Physical Therapy
    3. Laboratory services (except as required for emergency services).
    4. Physician appointments (except as required for emergency services).
    5. Dental appointments (except as required for emergency services)
    6. Physicals
    7. Prescription medication for chronic or pre-existing conditions.
- IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. All weekend/MOP inmates will receive instructions from the facility's administrator prior to their first sentence day, outlining their responsibilities relating to their health care, including but not limited to:
  - 1. Bringing a medical summary of any chronic conditions from their primary care practitioner.
  - 2. Bringing a sufficient quantity of any required prescribed medication in its original, labeled container from a community pharmacy.
- B. Non-compliance by the inmate could lead to refusal by DOC to accept the inmate, and notification of the Court.
- C. The following nursing services will be provided:
  - 1. Sick call access for acute intervention care with a DOC medical referral and treatment as clinically indicated. A copy of the progress note will be given to the patient for community health care follow-up as clinically indicated.
  - 2. Community prescription medication continuity of care.
    - a. When nursing services is notified that a weekend/MOP inmate has arrived with a prescription medication and the prescription container has been obtained, nursing staff will:
      - 1) Verify the contents of the prescription container, and if necessary, call the community pharmacy which originally dispensed the prescription.
      - 2) Notify a DOC prescribing practitioner (MD/ARNP) to make a determination as to the continuation of any community prescribed medication.
      - 3) Transcribe any orders received from the DOC prescriber onto the medication administration record (MAR) and affix a color-coded label to the MAR.
      - 4) Secure all the medication.
      - 5) Deliver the DOC prescriber ordered medication container to the patient for self-administration at the scheduled med call times only. (This includes both regularly scheduled and PRN medication.)
      - 6) Ensure documentation by the patient, onto the MAR, of the self-administered medication or refusal to self-administer.
    - b. Upon notification of the inmate's release, nursing staff will provide the security staff with the inmate's community prescriptions for return to the inmate upon release from the facility.

#### REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies  
Second Edition. Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions  
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services  
Fourth Edition. Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services  
Third Edition. Standards

Other  
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